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SUBJECT: 1978 SUMMER ECOSOC - OTHER ACTION ON REPORTS OF
REGIONAL COMMISSIONS

REF: (A) GENEVA 11236; (B) GENEVA 11965; (C) GENEVA 11728;
(D) STATE 193354; (E) GENEVA 11727; (F) STATE 195020;
(G) STATE 193515 (H) GENEVA 11167

1. IN ADDITION TO PASSAGE OF RESOLUTIONS REPORTED REFS
(A) AND (B), ECONOMIC COMMITTEE OF ECOSOC PASSED THREE
DRAFT RESOLUTIONS, ALL BY CONSENSUS.

2. DRAFT RESOLUTION ON USE OF ARABIC IN ECONOMIC COMMIS-
SION FOR AFRICA REPORTED REF (C). FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS
STATEMENT (DOC E/1978/C.1/L.31) NOTED THAT FUNDS FOR
THIS HAD BEEN PROVIDED IN REGULAR BUDGET SINCE 1976-77 BI-
ENNIUM IN RESPONSE TO SEVERAL RESOLUTIONS, AND THAT THIS IN
TURN HAD SERVED "AS PART OF THE MAINTENANCE BASE FOR THE
CURRENT BIENNIUM". USDEL NOTED THAT EXPENDITURES IN NEXT
BIENNIUM SHOULD CONTINUE ON CURRENT BASIS. ALGERIA MADE
APPEAL FOR VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS (FROM ARABIC SPEAKING
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STATES).

3. ROUTINE DRAFT RESOLUTION ADDING DJIBOUTI TO LIST OF
STATES ELIGIBLE FOR MEMBERSHIP IN ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR
AFRICA, AND DROPPING PROVISION IN TERMS OF REFERENCE OF
COMMISSION THAT "STATES WHICH SHALL CEASE TO HAVE ANY
TERRITORIAL RESPONSIBILITIES IN AFRICA SHALL CEASE TO BE

MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION". WITH INDEPENDENCE OF LAST COLONY IN AFRICA, THIS WAS APPARENTLY CONSIDERED REDUNDANT. NO COMMENTS WERE MADE.

4. RESOLUTION ON WORK PROGRAM OF CARIBBEAN COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (REF (E)). IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF (F), USDEL EXPRESSED VIEW ON BUDGETARY REDEPLOYMENT OUTLINED PARA 3, REF (G). FRG DEL ASSOCIATED ITSELF WITH US REMARKS AND USSR REP NOTED THAT IN ABSENCE OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS STATEMENT, HIS DEL RESERVED RIGHT TO EXAMINE QUESTION AT 33RD GA.

5. THE COMMITTEE TOOK NOTE OF THE ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS AS WELL AS THE REPORT OF THE SYG ON MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES OF THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS (E/1978/89 ADD.1 AND ADD.1/CORR.1). DOCUMENT E/1978/89, IS OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE IN THAT IT DETAILS EFFORTS PLANNED IN THE DECENTRALIZATION OF SECRETARIAT FUNCTIONS. IT WAS INTRODUCED IN ECONOMIC COMMITTEE BY UNDER SECRETARY-GENERAL RIPERT. HE CALLED ATTENTION TO MEETING TO BE HELD IN SEPTEMBER 1978 BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF UNDP, REGIONAL COMMISSIONS AND UN OFFICE OF TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION FOR DEVELOPMENT (TCD) TO SEEK CONCRETE WAYS FOR REGIONAL COMMISSIONS TO ASSUME ROLE OF EXECUTING AGENTS. HE NOTED THAT JANUARY 1, 1979 WAS TARGET DATE FOR FIRST DECENTRALIZATION MEASURES. HE NOTED THAT THIS PROCESS
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SHOULD BE BASED ON REDEPLOYMENT OF EXISTING RESOURCES, BUT ALLOWED FOR POSSIBILITY THAT SOME ADDITIONAL EXPENSES MIGHT BE INCURRED IN PROCESS. HE STRESSED GOAL OF COMPLEMENTARITY BETWEEN REGIONAL AND HEADQUARTERS ACTIVITIES, AND GAVE CONCRETE EXAMPLES OF HOW HE INTENDED TO APPLY THIS IN HIS OWN DEPARTMENT, IN THE AREA OF ANALYSIS, AND, HE HOPED, IN PREPARATIONS FOR A NEW DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY. (IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN HOW DG DADZIE'S INTEREST IN THE STRATEGY WILL FIT INTO THIS SCHEME). DELEGATIONS' COMMENTS WERE SUMMARIZED IN REF (A). VANDEN HEUVEL

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